

CHARTER

**THE BOARD OF REGENTS
OF THE
UNIFORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES**

A. Official Designation: The Advisory Committee shall be known as the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS). As an advisory committee, the Board will be governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), the GSA Final Rule (41 C.F.R. Part 101-6), and DoD Directive 5105.4, the "DoD Federal Advisory Committee Management Program."

B. Objective and Scope of Activity: To provide advice and guidance to the Secretary of Defense through the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs for the operation of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. To assure that said operation is in the best tradition of academia and in compliance with the appropriate accreditation authorities.

C. Period of Time Required: This Committee is established pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2112 et seq. and exists indefinitely.

D. Official or Sponsoring Proponent to Whom the Committee Reports: The Secretary of Defense through the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

E. Support Agency: The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

F. Duties and Responsibilities:

1. The business of the University shall be conducted by the Secretary of Defense through the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and the USUHS Executive Committee with the advice of the Board of Regents (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") with funds appropriated for and provided by the Department of Defense within the Defense Health Program. The Board shall consist of

a. nine persons outstanding in the fields of health and health education who shall be appointed from civilian life by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate;

b. the Secretary of Defense, or designee, who shall be an ex-officio member;

c. the Surgeons General of the Uniformed Services, who shall be ex-officio members; and

d. the person referred to in subsection (4).

2. The term of office for each member of the Board (other than an ex-officio member) shall be six years except that

a. any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of such term;

b. any member whose term of office has expired shall continue to serve until his successor is appointed.

3. One of the members of the Board (other than an ex-officio member) shall be designated by the President as Chairman and shall be the presiding officer of the Board.

4. The Board shall provide advice regarding the appointment of a President of the University (hereinafter in this charter referred to as the "President") who shall also serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the Board. The Board shall also provide advice regarding the appointment of a Dean of the Medical School and Dean of the Graduate School of Nursing.

5. Members of the Board (other than ex-officio members) while attending conferences or meetings or while otherwise performing their duties as members shall be entitled to receive compensation at a rate to be fixed by the Secretary of Defense, but not exceeding \$100.00 per diem and shall also be entitled to receive an allowance for necessary travel expenses while so serving away from their place of residence.

6. The Board may recommend academic titles, as appropriate, upon military and civilian members of the faculty. The Board may recommend the awarding of appropriate academic degrees to successful candidates.

7. The Board is authorized to recommend negotiation of agreements with agencies of the Federal Government to utilize on a reimbursable basis appropriate existing Federal medical resources located in or near the District of Columbia. Under such agreements the facilities will retain their identities and basic missions. The Board is also authorized to recommend affiliation agreements with an accredited university or universities. Such agreements may include provisions for payments for educational services provided students participating in Department of Defense educational programs.

8. The Board may recommend establishment of postdoctoral, postgraduate, and technological institutes.

9. The Board may recommend establishment of programs in continuing medical education for military members of the health professions to the end that high standards of health care may be maintained within the military medical services.

10. The Board may recommend to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs that the University, upon approval of the Secretary of Defense, may enter into agreements with

foreign military medical schools for reciprocal education programs under which students at the University receive specialized military medical instruction at the foreign military medical school and military medical personnel of the country of such medical school receive specialized military medical instruction at the University. Any such agreement may be made on a reimbursable basis or a nonreimbursable basis.

11. In carrying out the specific functions listed above and in performing other activities, the Board shall serve as the primary advisor to the Secretary of Defense, to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), to the USUHS Executive Committee, and to the President of USUHS concerning academic affairs of the University.

G. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Estimated Man-Years: \$186,700.00; 2.2 FTE

H. Number of Meetings: This Committee is established by statute, 10 U.S.C. 2112 et seq., and shall meet at least four (4) times per year and as often as the Secretary or Chairperson of the Board shall deem necessary to conduct University business.

I. Termination Date: The Committee by statute has no termination date (Cf Sec. 8091, P.L. 101-511, DoD Appropriations Act, 1991).

J. Date Charter is Filed: April 4, 2003